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1. Refresher Training. In mid-June 1953 a military unit consisting of nine officers and 150 enlisted men with tank corps shoulder boards conducted field exercises in the vicinity of Salkova (Q49/C86). Most of the enlisted men were of the 1943 class and were undergoing refresher training. The unit was equipped with field guns and four-barrel machine guns. Two of the tow trucks [REDACTED]

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2. Military Railroad Transports in the Oravov Laz Area. On 22 June 1953 six military railroad transports bound for the Oravov Laz (Q49/C72) training area were observed at the Zvolen (Q49/C74) RR station. Each transport consisted of approximately 60 railroad cars. Field guns, field kitchens, and ambulances were seen on open cars. On 24 June 1953 four military railroad transports left Zvolen for Bratislava.<sup>1</sup>

3. Transportation of New Tanks from Podbrezova. Daily shipments of three to four new tanks and one to two cars, each loaded with approximately 16 steel plates of about a size of 20 x 6 x 0.5 ft., were observed between 11 and 31 July 1953 on the Podbrezova (Q49/D06) - Banska Bystrica (Q49/C76) railroad line. The tanks were shipped on open flat cars and covered by tarpaulins. The tanks were produced at the Sverma Iron Works at Podbrezova, as stated by a foreman of that plant who saw work orders for the tanks. Place of delivery on the work orders was Korea and China.

4. Tri Duby Airfield.

- a. In mid-July 1953 the Air Force personnel at the Tri Duby (Q49/C74) airfield consisted of about 30 officers and 50 enlisted men. Besides other conventional Czech Air Force planes there were three jet fighters at the airfield. Only short flights of both propeller and jet aircraft were performed during daytime; no night flying activities were observed.

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b. The airfield ground is soft and therefore the runway is not suitable for heavier types of planes; also, the airfield cannot be enlarged.

5. Re-enlistment of Air Force Personnel. The District Military Commands (OVV - Okresni vojenske velitelstvi) are pressing re-serve Air Force ground personnel born between 1925 and 1927 for re-enlistment. Applicants are being called up to Prague for medical examinations and, if found suitable, are re-enlisted as flying personnel. They will be trained as air gunners and navigators. In connection with this re-enlistment it is rumored that new planes have been delivered from the USSR and that crews for these planes will be trained.<sup>2</sup>

25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. This information would indicate that various units assigned to the Orerov Laz summer training area take turns rather than stay for the whole summer.

25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. The Czechoslovak Air Force probably intends to build bomber units which, so far, it lacks.

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